

**LAKE WASHINGTON BOULEVARD VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN
PUBLIC MEETING #1: INTRODUCTORY MEETING**

Thursday, August 17, 2006

Graham Visitor's Center

MEETING SUMMARY

Staff Members Present: Mark Mead, Senior Urban Forester; Katie Moller, Urban Forester; Jon Martin, Northeast District Crew Chief; Lisa Beyeler, Planning Intern

Meeting: The purpose of the meeting was to present maintenance opportunities for the development of the lakeside along Lake Washington Boulevard and to share ideas and listen to the neighbor and communities hopes and concerns for the proposed Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) for Lake Washington Boulevard.

The meeting was held from 6:30-8:30pm. About 15 community members attended and many citizens participated in the discussion about the Vegetation Management Plan.

The focus of the meeting was a presentation that included a summary of the University of Washington study of Lake Washington Boulevard, the current progress of the Vegetation Management Plan with Seattle Parks and Recreation, and an in-depth question and answer period. These presentations were intended as a starting point to elicit ideas from the community.

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Comments:**

- Seattle Cherry Blossom Organization would like to donate a select amount of their 7,000 trees for the entrance to Seward Park as the existing cherry trees are diseased and need to be replaced. Would Seattle Parks be interested in accepting these trees?
- Proposed street tree visualizations make the organization of the trees look rigid. Is that the Olmsted vision?
- Does Seattle Parks have specific plant species in mind for street trees?
- Who is responsible for the actual shoreline of Lake Washington Boulevard in relation to salmon habitat?
- How does the expansion of the Mt. Baker Boat Center in Stan Sayres affect the maintenance for the site? Are Seattle Parks in contact with the developers?
- Will Seattle Parks look into the area west of Stan Sayres? It is currently taken over by blackberry.
- The Vegetation Management Plan is a great opportunity to improve shoreline for salmon habitat. Will Seattle Parks have specialists and representatives of these organizations at their public meetings?
- Who exactly will be writing the Vegetation Management Plan?

- The Lakeside plant palette does not currently include trees. This is problematic for shade for salmon habitat. How will Seattle Parks reconcile this?
- Further clarification is needed for the definition of the Boulevard and Slope Unit; where does one begin and the other end?
- Are there current plans in the Vegetation Management Plan for signage along Lake Washington Boulevard that would describe the history of people who have lived along LWB?